

Medical Effects of Ionizing Radiation Course Course Schedule

USUHS, Bethesda, MD August 7 - 10, 2001



7 August 01 (Day 1)

0730 – 0800	Registration	Staff
0800 – 0840	Welcome and Introduction to the Threat Discuss AFRRI's radiological program and introduce the threat.	COL Eng
0840 – 0940	"Ten Seconds That Shook the World" Discuss the development of nuclear energy through the first use of nuclear weapons during wartime.	Film
0950 – 1050	Physical Principles of Ionizing Radiation Describe the process by which radiation interacts with matter.	LT Dawson
1050 – 1130	Psychological Factors of Ionizing Radiation Describe psychological reactions of populations who are exposed to the effects of a nuclear detonation and both real and perceived widespread radionuclide contamination.	LTC Pastel
1130 – 1230	Lunch	
1230 – 1320	Nuclear Weapons, Blast, Thermal, Fallout Effects Explain the effects and hazards of blast and thermal energy and fallout characteristics released from a nuclear detonation.	LTjg Burke
1330 – 1410	Radiation Defense Recall principles and procedures for protection against expected radiological hazards.	Mr. Rob Marte
1410 – 1500	Medical Operations at the Radiological site Identify medical planning factors and responsibilities in response to a medical crisis.	COL Eng
1500 – 1550	Depleted Uranium Effects Discuss concerns with the use of depleted uranium, and current research being conducted on its effects.	Dr. McClain



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8 August 01 (Day 2)

0800 – 0930	Acute Radiation Syndrome Recall the underlying causes of radiation sickness. Explain the treatments available for persons affected By radiation sickness and treatments being developed	COL Jarrett
0940 – 1030	Radioprotectants - Prophylactic Drug Development Discuss development of prophylactic drugs Against expected radiological hazards.	DR. WHITNALL
1040 – 1130	Infectious Complications of Irradiation Discuss basic treatment modalities for post-radiation Infections and the immunocompromised patient.	CDR Brook
1130 – 1230	Lunch	
1230 – 1320	Cellular Radiation Biology Describe the energies released by ionizing Radiation and their effects on biological systems.	Dr. Shoemaker
1320 – 1420	Western Radiation Exposure Experience Recall case histories of operationally significant Radiation incidents involved in the Western Hemisphe	LTC Salter ere.
1430 – 1550	Soviet Radiation Exposure Experience Describe the major radiation releases in the former Soviet Union and how they uniquely contribute to our Understanding of the effects of radiation on human health.	Dr. Reeves*



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9 August 01 (Day 3)

0900 – 0950	Reactor Physics Discuss the processes and principles involved With nuclear energy production.	CPT Carter
0950 – 1030	Management of NBC Contaminated Casualties Describe NBC contaminated casualties and protect treatment personnel.	COL Eng
1040 – 1200	"Is Radiation as Bad as They Say?" Discuss the evidence that shows a lack of risk for (and possibly beneficial effects of) low doses of radiation.	Dr. Cameron*
1200 – 1300	Lunch	
1300 – 1400	"Suicide Mission to Chernobyl" Discuss the lessons learned since the Chernobyl accident.	FILM
1400 – 1450	NBC and Combined Radiation/Chemical and Biological Injury Describe the potential for enhanced health risks Associated with ionizing radiation in combination With BW or CW agents.	Dr. Knudson
1500 – 1525	"Pre-Hospital Response to a Radiation Accident" Recall the steps taken before transporting a radiologically contaminated patient to an emergency room.	REAC/TS Film
1525 – 1550	"Emergency Department Response to a Radiation Accident" Recall the steps taken from the time a contaminated patient enters a hospital emergency room until their transfer or release, including wound decontamination and protection of medical personnel.	REAC/TS Film



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10 August 01 (Day 4)

0800 – 0850	Low Level (Late) Effects of Ionizing Radiation Explain long-term, low-level, and chronic high- dose sub-lethal exposures of ionizing radiation.	Dr. Miller
0850 – 0950	Management of Internal Contamination List the methods for removal of internally deposited radioactive materials in the body.	Cummings
1000 – 1050	Biodosimetry Describe the use of dicentric yields measured in Human peripheral blood as a radiation biodosimetry.	Dr. Blakely
1100 – 1150	Biodosimetry Assessment Tool Exercise Explain how the Biodosimetry Assessment tool Software program can provide diagnostic information On radiation causalities	Dr. Blakely
1200 – 1300	Lunch (picnic lunch)	AFRRI patio
1300 – 1340	Cytokine-Based Therapies Describe the general concept of Cytokines with Special reference to cytokine therapy for Hematopoietic radiation injury.	Dr. Seed
1350 – 1430	Training Exercise LTjg Burke Demonstrates the procedures for managing decontamination, Radiac use, and triage situations.	e & Mr. Marte
1430 – 1520	Discussion Groups Exercise Explain medical management of radiological casualties	CAPT Cummings
1530 – 1610	Course Summation and Critiques/AFRRI Tour	Staff